

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Every three seconds, someone needs blood, and each day, patients across the country receive approximately 34,000 units of blood; and

WHEREAS, The demand for blood is greater today than ever as the nation's supply needs constant replenishment; and

WHEREAS, In our community, there is a need for approximately 15,000 units of blood per year for the protection of patients; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for additional healthy, regular volunteer donors to join the ranks of those who already give so generously; and

WHEREAS, January is traditionally a time when it is difficult to recruit blood donors; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Regional Blood Center at St. Mary's Hospital is to highlight the importance of giving the gift of life through the donation of blood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doody, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim January as

"Volunteer Blood Donor Month"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to pay tribute to those among us who donate for others in need. I urge citizens in good health to donate regularly and urge all civic and service organizations and businesses, if they have not already done so, to form blood donor groups to provide blood for others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 17th day of December, 2007.

Mayor